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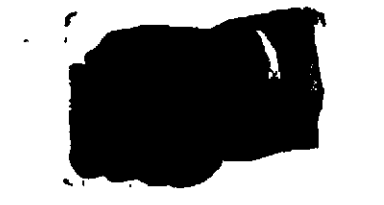
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SUBURBAN NEWS.

happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

McKinley and Hobart Club Organized—David Ferguson was Disappeared Friday Supposed to Have Gotten Hop Picking—A Massive Sun Flower—The Youthful Garden Thieves in Court—A Court of Foresters to be Formed—Maple Grove Bay Breaks His Arm—Other News of Note.

IN SUPPORT OF SOUND MONEY.

Over Four Hundred Citizens of Adams Unite to Uphold the Gold Standard.

The sound money men of Adams met at the opera house Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a McKinley and Hobart club. There were about 200 voters present when Fred A. Shaw, chairman of the Republican town committee, called the meeting to order. He was chosen chairman and Frank A. Richmond was chosen secretary. Mr. Shaw made a few remarks relating to the importance of the campaign and the need of educating the voters. He proposed that all honorable efforts be used and said that the committee had decided that the most effective movement would be the foundation of such a club as was proposed.

A. B. Mole moved that a committee be appointed to draw up a list of names to be voted for as officers of the club the organization of which was effected by a list of about 400 signatures of citizens. The committee comprised these gentlemen: A. B. Mole, James C. Chalmers, Editor James P. Magenis, Henry A. Jones, Dr. C. W. Wright, James McGowan and Archie LaFortune.

This committee reported the following list which was elected: President, James Renfrew. Vice presidents, A. B. Daniels, L. L. Brown, J. C. Chalmers, P. J. Barrett, H. H. Wellington, John S. Adams, W. B. Plunkett, N. H. Bixby, Elsie Burlingame, C. A. Howland, W. S. Jenks, J. K. Anthony, W. C. Broum, B. F. Phillips, M. J. Holden, and W. B. Green.

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Naturalization committee, F. H. B. Munroe, Dr. DeRosier, Archie LaFortune, J. R. Fickett, Arthur W. Streeter, David Dyma, W. E. Harmon, Gusare Frommer.

Campaign club committee, Dr. A. H. Boom, E. G. Ingraham, Maj. R. A. Whipple, Capt. H. O. Hicks, E. N. Jones, H. A. Jones and Robert Ingersoll. Reception committee, Dr. H. B. Holmes, G. H. Holden, E. J. Noble, C. F. Bayles, G. W. Haft, L. A. Weston, David Follett, G. N. Yeaton, T. K. McAllister, S. L. A. Hall, John J. Garney, M. E. Potter, James T. Baker, E. E. Merchant, A. L. Phillips, J. M. Fleming, E. W. Streeter, F. S. Todd, H. E. Harrington, A. W. Jones, Joseph Brammer, George Kerr and John Waldron.

Committee on by-laws, Walter Lacy, Charles Esterbrook, A. E. Maynard, W. B. Orr, C. E. Bean, F. E. Baker, and W. L. Baker. Committee on music, Dr. C. W. Burton, Horace W. Field, Frank Sanford, Joseph Giroux, John McLaren, Fred Jones and A. T. Lacy.

The first named member of each committee is chairman and the chairman will call meetings when he sees fit.

A marching club, a glee club and other necessary campaign bodies will be selected from this main organization.

David Ferguson Disappears.

David Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferguson of East Renfrew left home Friday and his parents have not heard anything about him since. It is thought probable however that he has gone to the hop-fields as he spoke some time ago of going to Cooperstown, N. Y., to work picking hops. He was not attired in his best clothes and had little money. It is supposed that he has heard some of the local young men who have seen this sort of life, tell of their experiences, and wanted to try it.

A Monster Sun-Flower.

E. A. Green, the shoe dealer pulled up in his garden on Liberty street Monday, a sunflower stalk of very large size. It was exactly eleven feet and five inches in height and the circumference at the largest part was four and one-half inches. The leaves were very large, the largest one measuring seventeen inches from end to end. Mr. Green has the flower on exhibition in front of his store.

A New Court of Foresters.

About twenty-five prominent citizens assembled in Hibernian hall Monday evening to decide whether or not they would organize a court of American Foresters. James R. Pickett was made chairman and Orin C. Boorn secretary. It was decided to apply for a charter and the court will probably be instituted in about two weeks.

The Youthful Garden Thieves.

David Little, Joseph Dupree and Barnet Groux, the three little fellows who robbed the vegetable garden of Mrs. Sarah Fisk were in court this morning and were placed on probation for three months. These boys together with others have been in the habit of stealing garden truck, and if any of them are caught doing so in the future they will be sent to jail.

Broke His Arm.

A Maple Grove boy named Drinkwater sustained a fall Sunday from which a forearm was broken in two places.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dyma have returned home to South Manchester, Conn., after a two weeks visit with Renfrew friends.

Miss Nellie Gibbs of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly a teacher in the local public schools, and Miss Mills of Providence, R. I., are stopping at the Greylock. Eddie Burns has been appointed agent for the Rhodes & Jacob Manufacturing company of Chicago, Ill., crayon portrait makers.

Willis B. Brewster, agent of the Boston & Albany station at Renfrew was called to Hinsdale Monday by the serious illness of his father, who died in the afternoon. The clerks here held nine will play the Chessires at that place Wednesday afternoon. Streeter and Hammond will be the battlers.

Prof. E. M. Richmond of Liberty, Mo., who has been the guest of Mr. Richmond's father, Calvin Richmond, have returned home.

Gertrude and George Lacy, William Lacy's children who have been visiting in New York city since July 4, came home Monday with their aunt Mrs. Melvina LaCroix.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold Monday. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hall of Ware are guests of Mrs. Renfrew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Renfrew.

John Keavin of Wilmington, Del., was in town Monday.

The Renfrew company's new storage shed near the stone mill has been completed.

CHESHIRE.

Baptist Church Matters.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church affair has caused, is yet a special theme of conversation. The most unique feature of the matter is that a man should be compelled to leave town in order to draw his pay, as is the case in the proposed settlement with the pastor, Rev. E. N. Harding. It is not usually the case that a man is expected to go off the face of the earth because he is paid up. This is the verbal statement of most of the dissenters at this time. There is no doubt that the pastor will go and leave the affair to be settled as best they can between the factious.

Rev. E. N. Harding hearing that his money was ready immediately tendered the following to his church: "I hereby certify that if the amount of money due me August 1st \$140.55 is paid me this week I will announce publicly from my pulpit next Sunday that my pastorate with the First Baptist church of Cheshire will cease the following Sunday, August 30, and I will on that day preach my last sermon as pastor. Furthermore, I agree that as soon as I can arrange for the removing of my family I will vacate the parsonage, time allowed for the same not to exceed four weeks."

The above is Mr. Harding's offer for settlement and leaving Cheshire. J. D. Northup, one of our wealthy citizens offered D. F. Bucklin, the one who holds the money, to go bonds for security that Mr. Harding would live up to the agreement if the money was paid.

E. Langrish and family of Hartford, Conn., are guests of postmaster Fishery. Mr. Langrish is a member of the police force of his city.

Robert Reynolds had the luck to shoot a fair sized blue heron Monday from the banks of the reservoir.

Landlord Arthur Blah had a narrow escape Saturday, a horse kicking him just below the knee.

Edgar Clark, cemetery committee, is putting down 600 terra cotta pot corner markers for lots in the new cemetery.

Miss M. E. Cain has bought the Alden Jenks house at the east part for \$600.

Mrs. M. A. Farrer of Boston is stopping at L. B. Wood's.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

The Local Tax Rate.

The assessors have all their valuations on the town books and have found the tax rate for the year to be \$16.50 per \$1000. This is an outlay of \$1290.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oaks and Mr. and Mrs. Prater will go into camp at Portico next week.

There will be a band concert and dance at Cole's grove this evening.

A six-table progressive bridge party was given by Miss Alice Sabio of Hoxie street Monday evening. Miss Elizabeth Smith and Louise Perry won the prizes.

Miss Sarah Dale has returned from New Haven, Conn., where she spent a vacation of three weeks.

A very pleasant observation party was held by the guests of the Greylock Monday evening and Miss Elizabeth V. Adams of Hartford, Conn., won the first prize. A large number of articles of every variety were placed in a room and the guests had some minutes to go in and look at the assortment and another minute when they came out to tell what they saw. Miss Adams named thirty articles which is a very large number.

Marcus W. White, who is a member of the Bald mountain camping party, came down town this morning and reported that the party is having a splendid time. Miss Anna Belle Cole has gone to Worcester for a short stay.

Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Foster of Trenton, N. J., are at the Greylock for the season. Miss Jessie Hare of Troy, N. Y., has joined her aunt, Mrs. Frank Gilbert, and will remain through September. Among the guests Sunday were DeWitt Hopper and J. J. Lincoln of New York.

A party, which has as members these local young women and men has engaged the Slocum cottage at Pontonoco and is stopping there for the week. Miss Lizzie Orr, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Palmer, E. C. Walden, Charles Taylor, Frank Torrey and Ernest Goodrich.

BLACKINTON.

George W. Ashton, who has been playing ball at Oxford, N. Y., returned home Monday evening. Allen M. Osborne left town today for a visit to Woonsocket, R. I., and Lynn.

GREYLOCK.

Albert Crozier carried a large party of residents to the summit of Greylock mountain Sunday.

Joseph Sprague spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Adams.

Notices have been posted calling a meeting of all persons interested in the election of McKinley for next president. The meeting will be held in the hall over the store Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. It is desired that there be a good attendance. All who are in any way interested in the sound money issues of the campaign and who wish to see good times for the next four years will find it to their interest to attend. A permanent organization will be formed.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Methods of Organizing and Conducting These Instructive Meetings.

Three thousand dollars are annually appropriated by the Maine legislature for the purpose of holding two or more institutes in each county. Forty or 50 meetings are usually held each year together with a state dairy conference and a joint meeting with the State Pomological society. The work is in charge of the secretary of the state board of agriculture. Speakers are selected by the secretary upon consultation with the members. Interest in farmers' institutes is growing and much good is being done by them. Some new departures are proposed for the coming year. One is to hold an orchard field day in one of the largest orchards of the state for the purpose of discussing questions related to fruit growing. Another is the holding of a field day some time in August. This will be called a farmers' congress. This will be held in connection with the state grange.

New Hampshire's board of agriculture holds frequent institutes, but the system is far from what it should be. Vermont institute work is under the control of the state agricultural board. This board receives \$5,000 annually and is required to hold at least one institute in each county and as many more as possible. Interest is increasing and a good work is being done.

In Connecticut there is no special appropriation made for institute work. The money given to the state board of agriculture is expended at its discretion in promoting agricultural interests. Twelve or more one day institutes are held during the year and one three days' convention. The speakers are usually drawn from the two state experiment stations. Besides these meetings the dairy association holds a three or four days' convention annually.

The fund for holding institutes in New York state is a direct appropriation of \$15,000 each year by the legislature. The meetings are located on a plantation from grapes, farmers' club, etc., to the director, who is appointed by the commissioner of agriculture to arrange for meetings and employ speakers. The speakers are principally practical farmers who have been studying advanced methods of agriculture. Help is also received from the professors at Cornell university and the New York experiment station at Geneva. Summer meetings are principally gatherings of farmers' clubs, grange picnic and meetings of the kind. During the past season about 180 institutes were held.

In New Jersey institute work is under the direction of the state board of agriculture. The secretary arranges for meetings, engages speakers, etc. There is no special institute law, but workers adapt themselves to the existing conditions. There are several county boards of agriculture auxiliary to the state board which hold meetings of their own. The regular institutes are extra.

The first institute in Pennsylvania was under the control of the state board of agriculture. The legislature at its session in the winter of 1895 organized a department of agriculture for the commonwealth and consolidated the various divisions of the work into a single department. The institute work was placed in charge of the deputy secretary of agriculture, who was to be also director of institutes.

There is no institute system at present in Delaware, although a work of this kind is contemplated. The foregoing facts are gleaned from "The New England Homestead's" reports on farmers' institutes.

Seed Potatoes.

Second crop seed potatoes are good, as we well know. The next best seed, says The Farm Journal, is that grown from last year's seed planted so late that it does not fully mature before frost stops growth. When to plant depends on latitude, climate and variety, but many who cannot keep tubers in good condition that have been stored from April and May plantings may succeed if they will plant this month. The main difficulty is to get good seed at this season. The resulting crop may be small, but the seed thus grown will have strong vitality.

Irrigation in the East.

Gradually it is dawning on the farmers of the older states that the benefits of irrigation need not be confined to the plains of the west. As Irrigation Age says, there are few farms in the eastern states that are not "well watered," and every such farm may have its product increased and insured by a comparative small expenditure, mostly in labor, by conducting the water from a running stream or from an artificial reservoir, which may be cheaply constructed.

A farmer in New York recently stated that he had never known a year when there was rainfall enough to produce one full crop. A few plow furrows, supplemented by the use of a common scraper, will carry the water along the hillsides into the main laterals for the fields to be watered. Lay out the rows so that water will run between them, not too rapidly, and turn it in when it is needed. There is almost always a week or two during the growth of a crop when a little additional water would aid largely to the product. It should be remembered, too, that preparation for irrigating will provide for carrying off surplus water as well, a matter of hardly less importance.

ERADICATING THE MOLE.

Various Ways of Circumventing This Small, Silly Pest.

As to how gardeners shall be entirely rid of moles in lawns and gardens remains an unsolved question. Here are, however, some helpful hints on the subject from The American Agriculturist: Moles do not like to be disturbed in their operations, and if their runways are destroyed or closed up by tramping the ground above the runways they will change their quarters. The mole goes along four or five times a day to catch the insects that have dropped in his path. Moles live mostly on grubs and worms, yet are fond of various forms of vegetable matter. Those who have tried poisoned corn say that it will effectually rid a place of moles. Soak the kernels in arsenic water and place them in the runways. In soil that is not too porous moles and other vermin can sometimes be drowned out much more easily than dug out, and if there is a large supply of water this method of destroying the pests may be practicable in almost any soil.

What seems to be the safest and surest method of mole extermination, in the west at least, is the planting of castor beans. Says a horticultural authority: "The castor oil plant seems to be a rank poison to all the animal world; no sort of bird, beast or creeping thing will touch it. Even a goat will starve before biting off a leaf, and insects that will eat every other green thing in sight pass by there. There is hardly another instance in natural history of a plant being so universally detested by the animal world as the castor oil plant. The master gardener may have such effects in the west, but in the east similar results are not obtainable, as several trials have conclusively proved. But in the west the case of Eleanor M. Lucas of California speaks for itself. She writes: "Moles dislike castor beans, as do gophers, and they have both given my garden a wide berth since castor beans were planted, although they had previously destroyed many valuable bulbs and plants. In 1898 moles were unusually troublesome. A few beans were tucked in my bulb bed, a favorite haunt for moles, others in the rose border, some near the violet bed and wherever the pests were most troublesome. A few moles had run here and there, and I at once dropped a bean in their path. Last year I planted only a few beans to keep them at bay, and not a mole has been seen. My roses were being laid in a state of devastation by the red spider, but since the castor vines have overshadowed the bushes this tiny pest has also been absent, therefore I believe it detests the castor beans as all the animal world seems to do."

Winter Storing of Onions.

The winter storing of onions is always attended with more or less loss. If not thoroughly cured when sorted, many of the bulbs will sprout and others will decay if they have sustained even light bruises in handling. There will be more or less shrinkage and a large percentage of the onions will be lost if the proper care is not given to ventilation and maintaining the desired temperature. For these and other reasons most growers prefer to dispose of the crop as soon as possible and are willing to accept low prices rather than run the risk of loss by storage.

It is absolutely essential for successful winter storing that the bulbs should be well matured, thoroughly cured, not bruised, and in a perfectly dormant state. Most growers prefer keeping the onions before storing. Sheep shears can be used to advantage in this work, leaving about an inch of the onion top extending above the bulb. The sorting may also be done by hand or by means of a screen, the rods or slats of which diverge, letting the bulbs fall into three grades.—Pacific Rural Press.

Transplanting Asparagus.

According to American Gardening, the young plants are not necessarily transplanted the first year if grown in garden rows unless the stand be very thick. But if desired they may be set in close rows, with plants a few inches apart for the first year. This leaves them in easy shape to handle when winter protection is needed.

A NORTH ADAMS MASON.

Without Square or Trowel Lays a New Foundation. How He Did It. A Pointer to the Craft.

"I am a mason by trade and I think my occupation is particularly hard on my back," says Mr. H. T. Restrew, No. 52 Center St. "I get warm and am exposed to the wind while perspiring. My work compels me to bend forward at the same time and strain the joints. I do not get from time to time for several years I have had attacks of back ache that it made it agonizing to stoop. Distress during the day was often followed by sleepless nights from severe pain. When these attacks occurred there was always a reddish deposit in the urine that seemed to further weaken my back. I wore a belt for years believing that it protected my kidneys to some extent. Some time ago I was taken with a spell and in looking for some remedy to drive it away I read one or two notices about Doan's Kidney Pills curing backache and other afflictions due to bad kidneys. I decided to try them and procuring a box at Burlingame & Darby's commenced their use. I was well rewarded for making the trial because almost immediately I was relieved and I stopped taking them before the box was finished and I had no further need for them, there being no more urinary trouble, backache or lameness. An acquaintance was complaining to me of his back. I gave him what Doan's Kidney Pills I had left. He stated to me that they had cured him."

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A Decided Novelty and a Great Gastro-nomical Success.

One of the recent developments of the epicureanism for which the Quaker City is famous is a chafing dish club, an interesting novelty in its way. A number of the best known gourmands in the city meet regularly for supper, each man in his turn filling the office of cook and being compelled by the by-laws to prepare supper in chafing dishes for the entire party. At a recent meeting David A. Curtis, one of the founders of that ill fated paper, The Cook, was the guest and surprised the club with a genuine improvement on the old fashioned Welsh rabbit. It was unanimously declared a success, and the club passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Curtis, in return for which he told his recipe.

"I have experimented with the rabbit for a dozen years," he said, "but only this winter have I succeeded in making one that seems perfect to me. As you have seen, I use one egg to a pound of cheese and have the egg thoroughly beaten, yolk and white together, before beginning to cook. A mere trifle of olive oil in the chafing dish is enough to keep the cheese from burning or sticking to the dish, and when the oil is fairly hot I put in, not the ordinary mild dairy cheese, which is generally used, but soft cream cheese. It melts rapidly, and while it is melting I season it highly. Seasoning is, of course, always a matter of individual taste, but I use salt, white pepper, which I prefer to cayenne, dry mustard, Worcestershire sauce and a plentiful sprinkling of curry powder.

"Then, just as the cheese is almost melted, I pour in a gill of stale lager beer to the dish, and when the oil of the ale which is ordinarily used. That is again a matter of taste, but I prefer it to ale. Then I stir quickly for a moment or two and add the egg very slowly, stirring furiously the while. If the cheese is good and the heat is exactly right, the paste will put up into a very light cream, as you saw it do just now. The toast, of course, is already prepared, and the plates are hot; so all that remains is to pour this cream over the toast and eat immediately.

"The reason I cut the toast into dice before cooking the cheese was to give you the pleasure, which was certainly unexpected to you, of eating what I have modestly named the Curtis rabbit with a teaspoon. I may say that I have tried the dish on a number of people who are fond of Welsh rabbits, but who do not dare to eat them on account of their difficulty of digestion, and not a single person has experienced the slightest trouble afterward."

The club agreed unanimously that the new dish was not only a decided novelty, but a toothsome success. It was certainly as light as whipped cream, and, as the cook declared, was readily to be eaten with a teaspoon. Moreover, though it was by no means so substantial a viand as the rabbit made of pressed cheese, its flavor was far more delicate.

A Kitchen Concoction.

A small table, not more than a yard or so across and supplied with strong casters, is of great convenience in a kitchen. It can be rolled over anywhere and it saves space. When a person is frying cutlets or cooking griddle cakes, the table can be put near the range, holding all the articles required. During the preserving season such a table will be invaluable.

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